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REPORT (16 January 1950) FROM LATIN AMERICAN DIVISION, ONE TO CHIEF, REQUIREMENTS STAFF, CRE.

1. Complete information is needed on the status of diplomatic relations among the various countries of Latin America and between those countries and other parts of the world. Reports coming in from United States embassies in Latin America do not always indicate changes in the diplomatic situation. For example, in the recent case of Panama official information has covered the action taken by eleven Latin American nations with respect to the recognition of the Arias regime. Thus far we have had no official information on the action taken by the other nine countries, although newspaper reports indicate that at least three of these nine Latin American nations have extended recognition to the government of Panama. The Department of State evidently does not have a complete report on this matter because they called D/LA last week for information.

2. We also have need for an up-to-date list of diplomatic personnel of Latin American countries in other parts of the world and of foreign diplomatic personnel in Latin America. At the present time we have such a list only for Ecuador (dated September 1949). Some provision should be made for issuing revisions to these lists periodically. After consulting with the various country analysts we find that for the most part they would be very interested in having the changes in the upper levels of the diplomatic corp reported whenever such changes occur. They have expressed a particular interest in being kept informed concerning the entire diplomatic personnel of China, Russia, and the satellite countries, assigned to Latin America.

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